

# 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Lebanon Summer Theatre Camp

Camper age group: entering 5<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> grades

Dates: Monday, July 18- Friday, July 22

Times: 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Place: Lebanon Fire Safety Complex

Fee: \$125

Final show: July 22; 5:00 PM; LMHS auditorium

Director: Matt Bessette

ABOUT THE CAMP: This is the second year for the new Lebanon Summer Theatre Camp, and I hope to again mentor an eager group of middle school students and direct another self-written one-act play for parents and the community to watch and enjoy upon the camp's completion. The chance to learn about acting, practice skills, and eventually perform in a stress-free, educational environment offers promising opportunities for both novice and aspiring thespians. At the beginning of the week, I will assign every camper a role in the cast and we will begin the rehearsal process for the final play—of which the plot and genre have not quite yet been chosen. Through this process, the campers will gain a hands-on, interactive experience in which they will learn the rudimentary aspects of theatre—such as script-reading, blocking, rehearsing, memorizing, and performing on a stage—in addition to acting terminology—such as objective, tactic, subtext, physicality, operative words, and character types. We will also partake in entertaining activities such as improvisation games, humorous skits, and fun learning exercises. All campers are welcome, from the theatrically inexperienced to the theatrically accomplished.

ABOUT THE DIRECTOR: I am a freshman English and Theatre double-major at Eastern CT State University (with concentrations in Secondary Education and Directing, respectively). I have participated in 22 theatrical productions, 3 short films, and the television show *The Cobblestone Corridor* (as a background actor). Previous acting roles include Seymour Krelborn (*Little Shop of Horrors*), Edward Lyons (*Blood Brothers*), Reverend Shaw Moore (*Footloose*), Deputy-Governor Thomas Danforth (*The Crucible*), and Agwé, God of Water (*Once on This Island*). I directed the Lebanon Middle School production of *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* in 2015, as well as last summer's theatre camp that culminated in the performance of *Adamant Eve*—a one-act comedy-drama that I wrote and later published through JAC Publishing & Promotions—which is available for purchase on their website as well as Amazon.com. I also wrote *The Lighter* (a short tragedy chosen for ECSU's 2016 Phoenix New Play Series), *Be Fruitful & Multiply* (a short comedy written for the 2nd WTG 24-hour BareBones Theatre Workshop) and *Such a Cliché* (a comedic short film I coproduced with assistance from the ECSU Film Club). When I attended Lyman Memorial High School, I enrolled in two AP English courses and was also the Editor-in-Chief of its student newspaper, *The Bulldog*.

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# Theatre Summer Camp Registration Form

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**Location:** Lebanon Fire Safety Complex

**Cost:** \$125 per camper for the week session *\*Does not include drinks or snacks.*

Fill out form and mail or return to: Lebanon Recreation Dept. 579 Exeter Rd Lebanon, CT 06249

Child's Name:	Gender:	D. O. B.:
Street & City:		Grade:
Guardian's Name & Address if different:		
BEST PHONE NUMBER TO REACH YOU AT:		
Email:		
In the event of an emergency requiring medical attention, after every reasonable effort has been made to contact me, I hereby grant permission and consent to a physician or other hospital personnel to do whatever is deemed necessary to treat my child. The attending physician is given permission to proceed with any medical or minor surgical treatment, x-rays and immunizations for my child. I hereby agree to release, discharge and hold harmless the Town of Lebanon, its employees and volunteers for any liabilities, which may occur while participating in the sports program. I understand that participation in any sport activity involves risk of injury.		
Signature of Parent/Guardian		
Current medication, allergies and conditions:		
Amount Paid \$	(Check one) <input type="checkbox"/> Cash <input type="checkbox"/> Check # _____ Make check payable to: Lebanon Recreation	

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